

**REMARKS:**

Entry of the above identified Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits, and examination of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-78 remain pending in the application.

The deletion of the heading and the paragraph on page 1 of the specification was done to correct the fact that the invention is not subject to the government contract as originally referenced.

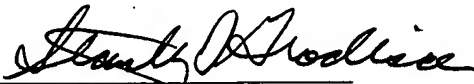
**CONCLUSION:**

It is respectfully submitted that the application as amended is in condition for examination on the merits, and such action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due with this response. If this is not the case, please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment to, deposit account 50-0792.

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